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House Bill 5426

I testify on behalf of House Bill 5426 and ask for the support and consideration of said legislation.

My name is Tawana Bourne and I am a single mother of two wonderful boys. I was recently laid off of a decent paying job which was the only source of income for my family. I am the sole provider for my household and the only income coming in is from unemployment benefits.

I simply cannot afford to pay the high cost of quality, reliable and safe childcare for my children. I received Care 4 Kids while employed and after employment, my benefits were discontinued. Because I no longer have quality, reliable and safe childcare for my youngest child, I am limited to the amount of employment searching I can do.

Extending Care 4 Kids compensation would not only provide consistent quality, reliable and safe childcare for my children which are vital to their well-being and stability, but it would also allow me more flexibility to search for and secure new employment.

When a family falls on tough unexpected times, we need support. Lets look at let House Bill 5426 as a "productive investment" where the return produces substantial long-term benefits not only to the individual families, but also to our communities and ultimately to the state of Connecticut.